

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

The DNA portion of the L1 gene deriving from recombinant PCR (bp 1-115) has been sequenced using the following primer:

5' TAGTTTAAACACCAA 3' SEQ ID NO: ~~12~~ 13.

The primer annealed at the 3' end of the ADH2\GAP promoter, at position -37 from the L1 start codon. The pGAG-6L1 plasmid (pGEM-3z containing the ADH2\GAP promoter fused to the L1 sequence) was used as template. By sequencing it was established that no errors occurred during the recombinant PCR manipulations nor in the cloning steps.